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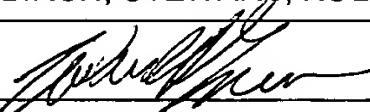
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BRIEF IN REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER

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Sir:

Applicants have now received the new Examiner's Answer dated August 2, 2006. Applicants have reviewed this Examiner's Answer and compared it to the Examiner's Answer dated March 22, 2006. The only difference noted is in the listing of the evidence relied upon. Accordingly, since the substance of the Examiner's Answer is unchanged, Applicants believe that the Reply Brief filed on April 21, 2006, sufficiently replies to the Examiner's Answer and is hereby incorporated by reference.

In view of this, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 1-17 be reversed and the application allowed.

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